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The Oakland Stake Tabernacle

President Eugene Hilton Describes Structure And Challenges Liberal Support

In this initial issue of our renewed Oakland Stake Messenger, we are happy to present an encouraging progress report on our Stake Tabernacle.

This center for our religious and social activities in this great East Bay area will with the other tangible evidences of our strength and permanency do much to regain our position of eminence which so seriously faltered in the days of Samuel Brannan. Then the lure of gold and the failure of leadership in this area well nigh eclipsed the true light of the restored gospel. Let us make sure that these and similar shortcomings do not cause us to fail in our day.

The clear need for an adequate Stake Tabernacle here in Oakland, the future temple city, has been recognized by the General Authorities of our church.

Here indeed is our opportunity to build for our immediate needs and for the needs of those who shall follow after us. Here is our individual and collective opportunity to demonstrate that Mormonism has not lost its original vitality and capacity to do.

Site Cost \$36,000

After much preliminary investigation of possible sites, we purchased in open bidding the extremely desirable 1.99 acre site at the corner of MacArthur Blvd. and Van Buren Avenue. We out bid other prospective purchasers and secured this choice site for \$36,000.00. Although this price at first seems high, it should not be so considered when its location and future use are concerned. Immediately after we had purchased the site, we were offered \$5,000 above the price paid. We believe that we were greatly blessed in securing a site of this required size in this favored part of Oakland near beautiful Lake Merritt. It is centrally located in a permanently favored district and is readily accessible by all forms of city transportation and will in time to come serve the needs of two or more Stakes.

Separate Ward Unit Included

A separate ward unit is to be built as a part of the projected building plan. This part will be paid for by the members of a new Ward to be organized between the present Wards of Dimond and Oakland. The joint use of the class rooms, social hall, etc. by Ward and Stake will expand the facilities of each and reduce the cost of both.

The initial plans which are shown in this issue embrace numerous ideas which have been developed by the Tabernacle Committee and by Stake members generally. They have been embodied in the plans by our talented architect, Harold W. Burton, who also is the architect of the famous Hawaiian and Canadian temples, the Hawaiian Tabernacle, etc.

The front approach to the building is by a series of low rising easy steps in a "monumental stair case." Entrance may be made by easy ramp or from ground level at

the sides and back of the building.

Chapel Seats 1,000 People

The chapel itself will be truly impressive and conducive to reverence and worship. It will seat between 800 and 1,000 people. Provision for overflow will be secured in the social hall which is so situated that people will be as close to the speaker as in the chapel itself. Both chapel and social hall will be equipped with modern sound amplifying systems. The social hall is approximately the same size as the social hall in the Scottish Rite Temple where we have held many Stake dances. It will be both artistic and thoroughly utilitarian in that it is planned as a thing of beauty for high class social events and useable also for basketball and other favored games. The artistic galleries on either side of the hall itself will enable large crowds to view games or social activities. The basketball equipment will be removed when not in use.

Lockers and Showers

An excellent arrangement of lockers and showers both in the men's and women's quarters on the lower floor apart from the social hall itself will protect the social hall from many features which have otherwise been found objectionable where social hall and gymnasium have been combined.

Foyer With Glass Walls

Entrance to both chapel and social hall is through a spacious foyer separated by glass walls from a lovely patio. Facing this beautiful patio are the baptismal font and, near the main entrance, the library, museum and vault rooms. Ample provision has been made for Stake offices facing this patio across from the social hall.

Special provision has been made for Aaronic Priesthood work including scouting for both Ward and Stake. Relief Society quarters have also been provided on the ground floor near MacArthur Blvd.

Artistic and Stately Outside Appearance

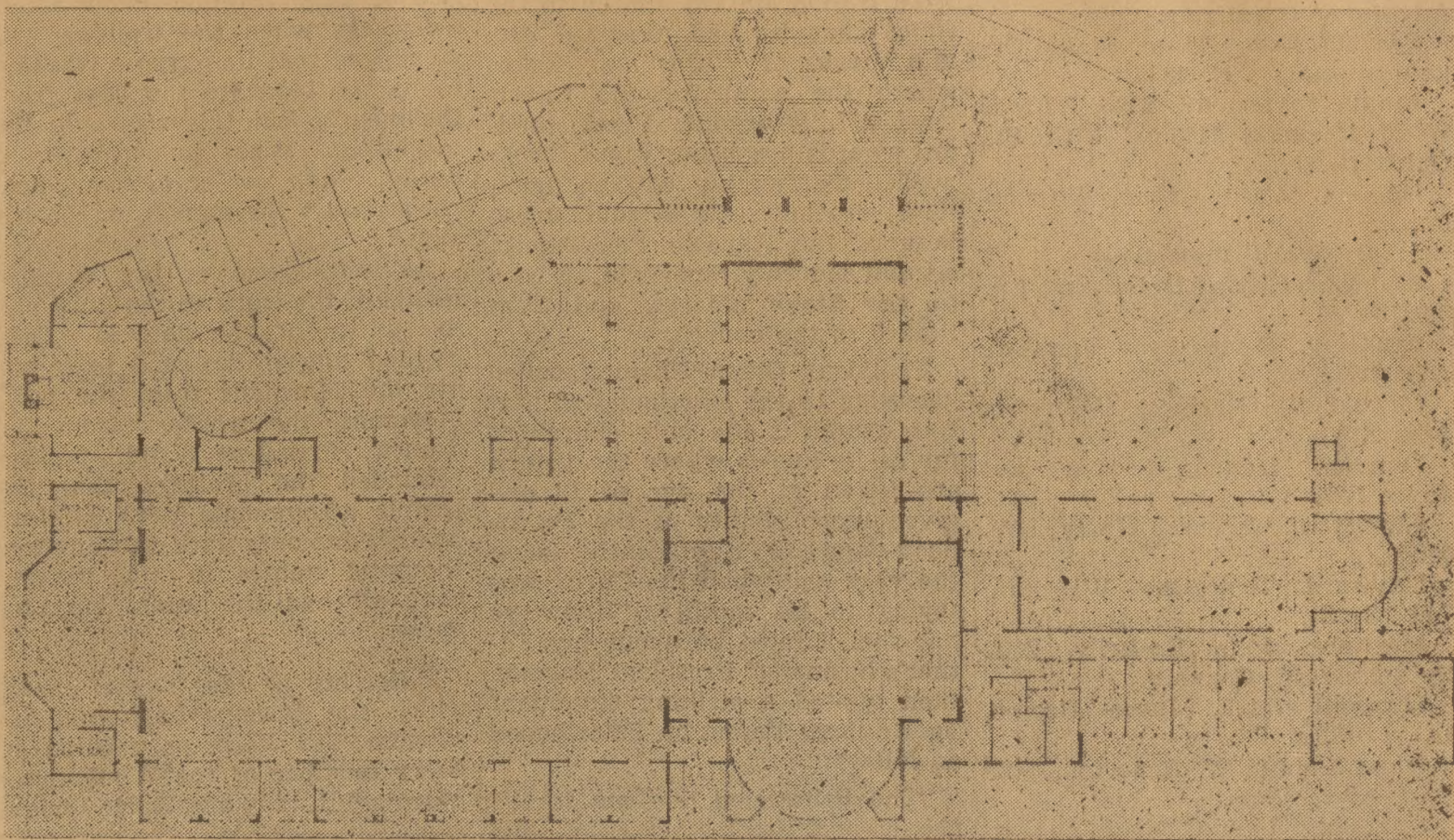
While the floor plan sketches here shown are thus far developed, stately and impressive elevation plans are now being formulated. All of these will present such a happy combination of the artistic and utilitarian that every Latter-day Saint and every friend—and we have many such—will be thrilled and inspired by this fitting monument to our people and their activities in this favored region. Provision is also made for parking 65 cars on the site and for easy access to the building without steps from the two sides and rear of the building.

Church Meets Stake on 60-40 Basis

The General Authorities recognizing that a Stake can get its needed funds only from its membership who reside in the various Wards have generously agreed to furnish 60 per cent of the cost of this project although the new Ward, as also all other Wards throughout the church, are asked to participate on a fifty-fifty basis in building the Ward chapel. The

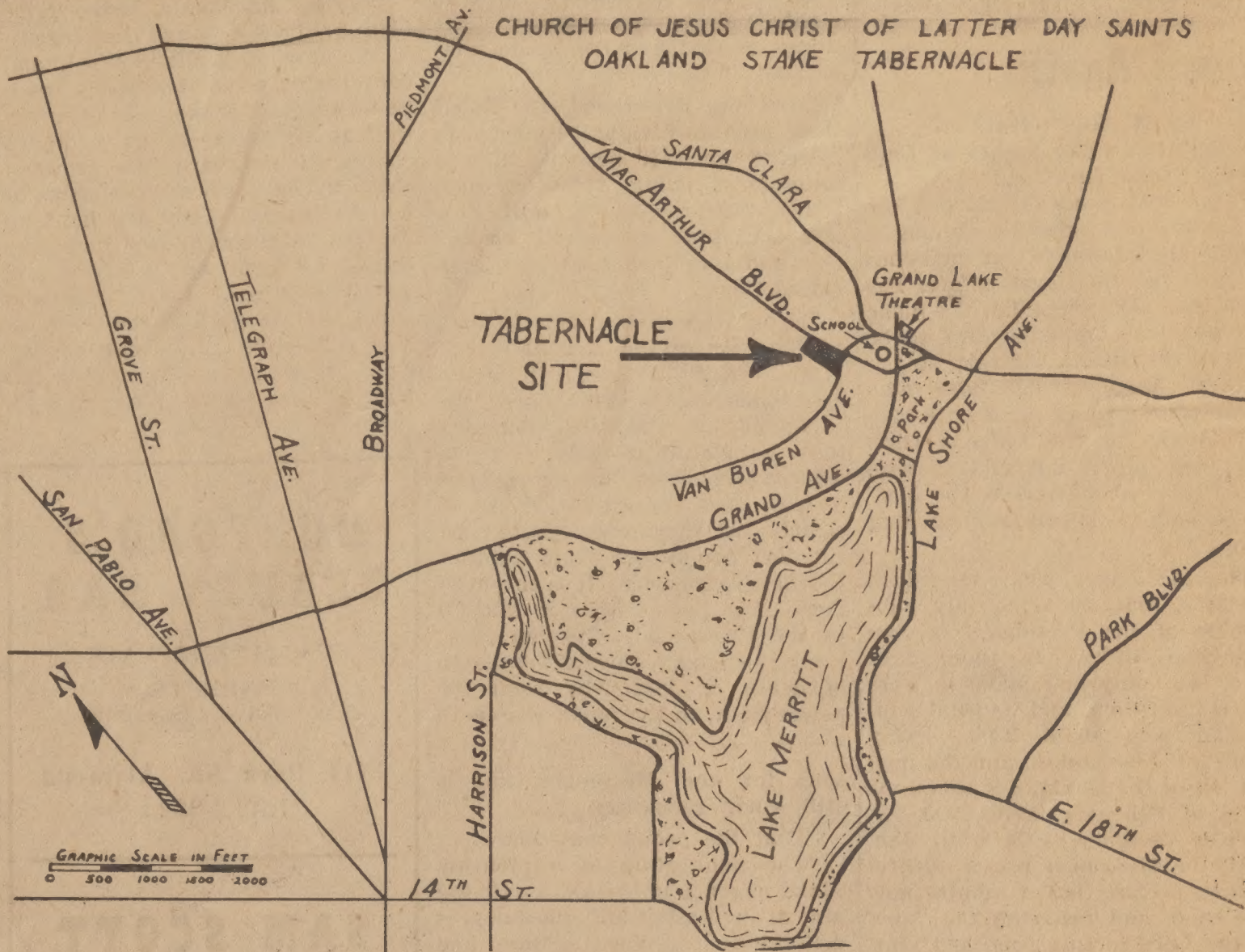
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STAKE TABERNACLE TENTATIVE FLOOR PLANS



Upper center: The sweeping outside steps leading up to the foyer from the sidewalk level on MacArthur Boulevard. Center: the main chapel showing choir circle, lower center, with pulpit forward, visible also from the great recreation hall, lower left. Lower right: classrooms and separate ward chapel with outside entrance. The lovely glassed in patio and pool appear above the recreation hall. Clear floor plans and elevation blue prints are on display at each monthly Priesthood meeting. No one is at fault for the indistinctness of the above cut from tracing not prepared for reproduction.

STREET, SHOWING STAKE TABERNACLE



Above is shown the magnificent, spacious, and dignified two-acre site for the \$300,000 Oakland Stake Tabernacle on MacArthur Boulevard and Van Buren Street, Oakland, near Lake Shore Avenue and the lawns of Lakeside Park. From this raised plot the new temple will be clearly visible on the East Oakland hills to the northeast. The sites for the L. D. S. Tabernacle and the temple are broad and well located on major highways.

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Things to Remember--Our Largest Stake Conference

With the main auditorium overcrowded, the lower recreation hall filled, and with scores standing during the services, the largest quarterly Conference of the Oakland Stake assembled Sunday, April 1 for highly inspirational addresses by the local speakers, and by Elder Joseph F. Merrill of the Quorum of the Twelve, and Stirling H. Nelson of the General Welfare Committee. The two sessions Sunday were both adorned and punctuated by thrilling renditions, by the Singing Mothers, under the baton of Ardell Kay, with Frances Beniams at the organ and Grace Boyack at the piano.

In the morning session Sterling H. Nelson, the first speaker referred to the somewhat faltering beginnings of the Welfare Work in the Stakes. At Malad in those first days the Bishop of Washakie Indian Ward, arose and explained their difficulties. "We are planting potatoes. Indian men and women come and help; but on Saturday night they come to the Bishop and want \$1.00 a day for their work. This confuses me. Brother Nelsen, sometimes I myself don't know much about this Farewell Work. So likewise sometimes we have each wondered whether we were going or coming in Welfare Work. But how things have changed from those days of small beginnings! Now we have fine organizations in the Wards and Stakes, and are able to ship great quantities of food and clothing too Europe.

Service Men

Speaking of help to released service men, Elder Nelson urged the Bishops to contact these men in their homes, and also have them meet in the Bishop's meetings, and thus help them solve their problems, whether to go to school, or on a mission; into business, or to take a job. Quorum's president's were instructed to visit the service men of their Quorums. Be job finders, and in other practical ways demonstrate helpfulness.

Let Us Produce Food

Since the call for food and clothing is very great, let us all plan to produce the budget assignments in food and clothing, rather than in cash. One Ward processed 16,000 cans of tomatoes working from 7 p. m. to 7 p. m. In this way, also, the Saints get to like one another, working happily together under counsel.

Have Bishops a plan to stimulate payment of fast offerings? One old and good way is to organize and send the deacons to collect the envelopes at the homes monthly. The Work Committee, meeting once a month, can call for workers. If each member will give one-half day a week, or even a month, all will be well. When the call comes for workers let us all respond and "have a lot of fun."

Things to Remember

Apostle Merrill addressed himself to the Aaronic Priesthood. He finds that not all Wards have tried to qualify for the standard Quorum awards. We believe they are doing a fine job, but they are not reporting. Every Ward in Oakland Stake at present is delinquent in this regard. "Brethren, this is the hardest work to get going. But stop and think: here is the greatest promise of increasing workers in the church. It is hard, perhaps, but it is a real challenge."

Ward Teaching

In regard to Ward teaching, Elder Merrill read from the report showing that only 28 per cent of our families were visited last month as compared with 43 per cent for the church at large.

Elder Merrill quoted the words "We'll do it or die in the attempt," spoken by his elder companion in Ward teaching when he was a youth.

Alcohol and Tobacco

Speaking of the Non-Use of Alcohol and Tobacco, Elder Merrill declared that smoking is a "faith

killer," but the habit must be very tactfully approached. The habit can be overcome. Sometimes we hear "Lay off the Word of Wisdom." We would that we could. But as long as members offend, we cannot "lay-off."

Things to Remember

"This is the Lord's work. Let us give our whole souls to the work," was the closing admonition of the Apostle gathering at the morning session.

President Hilton

President Eugene Hilton announced that, due to the death of Brother Latimer, the Stake is calling for some couple to take over the Welfare home and building. Applications are now solicited by the Stake presidency.

The Singing Mothers sang "The Lord's Prayer", a composition by Mrs. Ada Lindblad of Berkeley Ward, a work of purity and heavenly melody.

W. Glenn Harmon

W. Glenn Harmon, the next speaker, referred to the remarkable statement found in the Book of Mormon to the effect that this nation would become great above all other nations. In 1830 this was far from the fact or of the prospect of people then living. But how strictly has it become true. The United States is now first in wealth and might. President Harmon traced the concept of Freedom in the world. While in the ancient world there existed only a very low sense of liberty, little more than slavery for hosts of people. The Dark Ages lost the small amount of liberty that had seemed to be gained in a few places. In fact the concept of the free flow of information grew only in America and in England, flowering finally in the Declaration of Independence. This freedom has existed (even in modern times) never in Asia, and seldom in Europe, but is now written in the United Nations Organization. Thus we are seeing fulfilled the prophecies and the concepts of freedom which have sprouted in this land have now been scattered at last by this nation to all the world because, as predicted, this land has become the "land above all other nations."

Gail Gragun

Elder Gail Gragun declared that due to his temple garments, which he never left off, he was protected and blessed above all the members of his command, never having been injured once, while others with him were wounded by the strong anti-air force fire. Looking upon the state of the world he had always recalled some words of President W. Aird Macdonald, spoken years ago, to the effect that the Gospel was once before preached for 120 years to the unbelieving world, but the people rejected it. Today we can take things as we wish, but the Gospel has now again been preached to the world nearly that same period of time.

Merlon Spencer

Merlon Spencer, representing the Aaronic Priesthood of Maxwell Ward, spoke on the topic, "Why Keep the Sabbath Holy?" The day should be spent prudently, and in friendly association with one another. We should attend church as well as make home pleasant for all on the Sabbath day.

Elmhurst Ward News

The Singing Mothers and the officers and teachers of the Relief Society entertained at a surprise party at the home of Sister Betty Owens in honor of Sister Ina Z. Fell, who left March 28 for her home in Toronto, Canada.

Sister Nora Latimer is leaving Sunday to make her home in Salt Lake City. We're going to miss her at Elmhurst. And how we'll miss the good Brother Latimer.

Hayward Ward acted as host in the latest of the five Ward parties held in the eastern end of the Stake. Approximately 300 participated. The feature of the evening was the presentation of the Queens selected by each of the Wards to represent them at the Gold and Green Ball. The affair was held in the Elmhurst Ward Amusement Hall and was sponsored by Elmhurst, Hayward, Alameda, Maxwell Park and Dimond Wards.

The President of the Fireside Group at Elmhurst is Joanne Nelson. Shirley Kovarik is Vice-President and Barbara Elmer is Treasurer. The group held a picnic in Sequoia Park. Twenty-five attended. The Fireside Group also held a swimming party at Hayward Plunge recently. Thirty attended.

What folks do for a living in Elmhurst:

Willard Aston—owns and operates a paint store; Newman Brown—works for Moody Brothers as a salesman; H. Burton Brummet—landscape gardener for the Oakland School Department; Edward Jackson—is a real estate dealer.

More of this "vocational" news from time to time.

Vallejo Ward News

The Vallejo Ward and Bishopric desire to wish the Messenger, Brother Ball, and all his helpers all the success in the world.

Bishop E. Z. Taylor and Counsellor Creighton B. Hurst attended Conference in Salt Lake City.

The Seventy and the High Priests are organizing a project to drill a well which will provide water for the beautification of our church grounds.

The Vallejo Ward is supporting the State Tabernacle drive to the utmost, but at the same time it is going ahead with its own building program, which includes a classroom addition of five rooms and also a baptismal font. All members of the Vallejo Ward are urged to consider helping this project with funds and with labor. Zion's growth calls for new buildings, and we must prove equal to the calls as our parents were equal to theirs.

Vallejo's new motion picture projector was dedicated April 12 at the Melchizedek Priesthood dinner and party. Much good entertainment is expected to come from this equipment.

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Greetings from W. A. Macdonald

(Note: W. Aird Macdonald founded and edited the Messenger, beginning May, 1930, while serving as Stake President. Hence this word of greeting.—Ed.)

The amazing growth of the church in the Bay Area has amply justified the motives which initiated "The Messenger." As the organ of the original San Francisco Stake, which then included the church membership on both sides of the bay, its purpose was to keep the Saints fully informed of important church and Stake happenings.

The continued growth of the Oakland Stake now emphasizes the need of Stake newspaper—the revival of "The Messenger," that the Saints might keep abreast of the church news. So I welcomed this opportunity to extend my greetings and congratulations. Through the able and splendid leadership of President Hilton and his co-workers, the Oakland Stake has taken its place in front rank of the Stakes of the church. The marvelous record of Oakland Stake in the church welfare program was demonstrated when more than 400 boxes of clothing were recently donated for the suffering Saints in Europe.

The outstanding work of the Oakland Stake in the LDS Servicemen's program was recognized when the church established the Servicemen's Home at 1836 Alice Street, now under the direction of Kendall and Marie Thomas. The untiring and unselfish devotion of Thys Winkel, Anna and Stanley Patton and others to the LDS boys and girls in military service, will long be remembered.

Heartiest good wish to the new "Messenger."

With the editorial torch in the capable hands of beloved "I. B.", the Oakland Stake is assured of a guiding light to show the way.

Signed,
W. Aird Macdonald

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Hayward Ward News

Hayward publishes a letter that is sent to the entire Ward membership each month. In a contest held to determine a name for our letter, the name "Mormoneer", submitted by Brother Clyde La-Pray, was selected as winner.

Our one big goal at present is to build a chapel in Hayward. Several projects to raise money for the chapel are being planned in the very near future.

Youth Program Plans

We have as our goal "More Youth Activity in Our Ward Through Better Support of all Meetings."

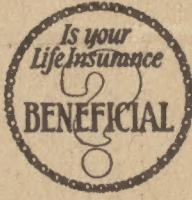
A plan has been set up so the teen age girls and the Aaronic Priesthood boys are competing against each other in assignments. The grand finale will be a big banquet in our new amusement hall, Friday, January 17, 1947, for youth only. Girls vs. boys—the losers will serve the winners. Special awards will be presented to those individuals who have made outstanding records.

Points in this friendly competition will be given for attendance at all meetings and for all assignments filled, regular and special. The observance of the Word of Wisdom and the payment of tithes will play an important part in these plans.

Recently we held a song writing contest to instill, through music, the spirit of unity in building a chapel. The song chosen by the congregation as the best was "Let us Press On" (tune, "Let Us All Press On," in the S. S. song book) words written by Sister Helen Smith.

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Liahona Club members and guests at the monthly dinner meeting, March 25, 1946, at Athens Athletic Club. Seated, left to right, Curtis Bybee, G. A. Hendershot, John Stirrat, Dr. Bramwell, Wm. H. Evans, First Vice-President, Sam Scott; President, Vinal Mauss; Second Vice-President, C. E. Mills, Herbert Van Noy, C. W. Martin. Standing, left to right, I. B. Ball, Berkeley Erecksen, speaker of the evening; Preston Ericksen, pianist; A. D. Ericksen, Carl Bowles, Wm. Banks, Glenn Terry, Eldred Holdaway, Charles Stamps, Curtis Millward, Ira B. Call, Earl Caldwell, Don J. Alphin, Charles Mourer.

LIAHONA CLUB LATTER-DAY SAINTS BUSINESS MEN'S ORGANIZATION

One of the most promising finger-posts ever established in the San Francisco Bay Region has been the organization of the "Mormon" men's business club called the Liahona Club. Organized in August, 1945 at the suggestion of William H. Evans of Dimond Ward, one of our leading business men and the new member of the High Council group. Sam Scott, Elmo Smith, Herb Van Noys and Fred Weindorf immediately joined enthusiastically into the labors of perfecting a constitution and by-laws and getting the organization on its way.

Membership is open to L. D. S. business men who own and operate their own business in the Bay Region.

Among the many projects to be vigorously fostered by the Liahona Club was the revival of the Stake Messenger as an organ of spirituality and friendship and mutual helpfulness among the people of the church who here are relatively so few among so many. It is not too much to say that the appearance of the Messenger at the present time and its flourishing prospects stem largely from the interest and advertisement support the Liahona Club members have so efficiently rendered.

Another project of the Liahona Club is to help in securing jobs for returning service men, and to encourage the idea of going into business for themselves. The Club has called a meeting of service men and their parents at which time specific plans of help and personal counseling will be proposed. This in cooperation with other LDS organizations working to this same end.

Two additional interests are paramount with the Liahonas: to foster right solutions of local and national civic problems through association with the civic leaders of our community. All this with the sole idea of promoting peace on earth. The other interest is to blaze new paths and to overcome the old barriers of intolerance, an end that the Club feels can be achieved best by mingling with the other Clubs of the community in the spirit of cooperation for the good of all.

A further canon of the Liahona

Club is that the members should trade with each other. By so doing friendships and associations become very desirable throughout life. Also the church gains through a greater revenue by this free trade among its members.

The Club meets at a dinner session on the last Monday of the month at which time is heard a speaker of outstanding ability in his field so that the members learn and gather rich knowledge not ordinarily available. The officers are President, Sam S. Scott; vice-president, Wm. H. Evans; second vice-president, Vinal Mauss; treasurer, Don J. Alphin; secretary, Eugene S. Hilton.

The present roster of the Liahona Club is as follows:

Don J. Alphin, Willard Aston, Heber J. Brown, Don Bodily, Joy Briscoe, Curtis Bybee, Will Banks, Ronald Cheney, Earl Caldwell, Ira

B. Call, Wm. D. Evans, A. D. Erickson, Movell Day, Wendell Grow, Eugene S. Hilton, Eldred Holdaway, Wm. Hendershot, Lloyd Johnson, Harold R. Jensen, Raymond L. Knight, Reuben Knight, Wendell Jensen, Wendell Martin, F. C. Millward, Vinal Mauss, Chas. Mills, Vaughn Moody, Russell Margetts, Claude W. Nalder, Wendell Olson, Richard Owens, Sam W. Scott, Elmo R. Smith, John C. Stirrat, C. Tracy Stout, Charles Stamps, Douglas Ream, Lewis E. Rowland, Glen Terry, L. P. Weindorf, Thys Winkel, H. A. Van Noys, Oren Yorgansoon, A. K. Bramwell, C. M. Mowrer.

Napa Ward News

Sister Lauern Johnson was recently elected queen of Napa Ward at our Gold and Green Ball held

Oakland Stake Doubles Its Membership in Eight Years

By H. M. Ellsworth

The number of members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints residing in Oakland Stake has more than doubled since 1937. The chart below traces the steady and remarkable increase in membership of the Oakland Stake of Zion.

Church members on record in Oakland Stake have increased from 3,953 at the close of 1937 to the impressive figure of 8,779 at the close of 1945. The history of this growth during the past eight years holds optimism for the future.

Church Members in Oakland Stake

'37	3,953
'38	4,363
'39	4,772
'40	5,040
'41	5,715
'42	6,125
'43	6,968
'44	7,773
'45	8,779

Source: Official Oakland Stake Records

Two facts can be noted in the chart and the figures opposite each year. The first fact is, the growth has been steady and consistent. Every year has registered an increase of the preceding year. The increases represent converts of the church and births as well as some movement from other Stakes and Missions.

The second fact is that the growth has been larger and larger in successive years. When Oakland Stake was organized at the close of 1934 it showed 3,077 members on record. By the close of 1937 membership had grown to 3,953, an average increase of 292 each year. From 1937 to 1940 the increase averaged 362 per year, and from 1940 to 1945 the increase averaged 748 per year.

The year 1945 registered the greatest increase thus far with no fewer than 1006 added to last year's peak. This swelled the number of members on record to an all time high of 8,779 souls.

Doubling membership in eight years means larger Wards and more Wards. But the way in which this increase was made, means much more. This steady and thriving growth is prophetic of continuing growth and vitality. The visible manifestations of this vitality will be larger congregations and more meeting places. Meanwhile the individual members can experience that prized fruit of the Gospel—increasing abundance and richness in spiritual and social life.

March 29. While in Utah, Bishop Murdock first attended the conference in Salt Lake City and then visited his parents in Ogden and his daughter Mary at the B. Y. U. in Provo. George W. Bruerton and wife recently attended the marriage of their daughter, Margery, to Elder Jared E. Call of Boise, Idaho. Margery is a graduate of the U. A. C. at Logan. Elder Call served several months in active duty over Germany as pilot of a B-17.

The Napa Ward has now completed payments for the chapel site. A building fund is being col-

lected so that the saints of Napa now are hopefully looking towards building their new home.

Melvin Arnold Scott has recently been discharged from active service. Before the war he had married Betty Johnson. After his marriage he was baptized, and now has been advanced to the office of a priest.

Elder Leroy Soper returned several months ago from a German prison camp. Raymond Lewis, now discharged from active duty in the Pacific, has been able to return to his wife and two daughters.

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—Eliza R. Snow

"Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right."—Proverbs 20:11.

Children live in a world of imagination and make-believe when they are at play, filling our hearts with love and delight as we listen and watch; also, they can face reality, filling our souls with more love and assurance as we see and note their efforts and industriousness.

For the past several weeks the children have responded energetically to the call for the Stake Tabernacle Fund. A "model" church was made and presented to the Primary boys and girls. Each week they do some special little job to earn money which they bring to Primary to put in the Fund. As each child puts his pennies and nickels in each window, door, or brick is colored in on the model for him. They feel they are really "building" the Tabernacle, and are enthusiastic and happy to see its weekly progress. And when the real Tabernacle is built their hearts will glow with pride as they realize how their efforts helped to build it.—Berkeley Ward.

On March 6th the Vallejo Primary children were treated to the "real thing"—a beautiful tiered birthday cake. It was in celebration of their ninth year of Primary.

Rose Winkel said to her little son, Richard, "Oh, Richie, you're growing so fast—Mamma wants you to stay a little boy." He replied quickly, "Should I take all that spinach out of my stomach?" His little sister, Linda, was sitting by him and said, "Oh, no, Richie, put a brick on your head."—Alameda Ward.

Eva Bailey's grandson overheard a relative say he was dumb. He spoke up and said, "I'm not dumb, I'm stupid."—Hayward Ward.

They do shoulder responsibility: We had stressed the fact to the older children that they were responsible for the younger children. During our opening exercise one of the young groups became very noisy. Without being told, one of the "Lark" girls got up and sat with them and kept them absolutely quiet the rest of the time.—Oakland Ward.

ROCK KIRKHAM BOOSTS SCOUTING FOR EVERY BOY

A new and refreshing sea breeze blew through the trees of scouting at the Saturday night session of Conference Priesthood Meeting, March 30 last. And the trees nodded and listened in glee, and rejoiced in the new breath of life that is coming into scouting in the church.

Such was the effect of the visit of Rock Kirkham to Oakland Stake, his first visit. All hope this is the beginning of many visits in the near future. We can stand a great many such periods of refreshment in any phase of the work of the church. This man Kirkham is a tall, husky 200-pounder, with a winning way and a catching smile, sense of humor, and also of pathos. He announced, "Yes, I am the little son of Oscar Kirkham grown up." And one could just lean back and shut the eyes and imagine that Oscar himself was there delighting people's ears with one of his easy-to-listen-to talks on scouting. It was the hand of Rock Kirkham, but the voice was that of Oscar.

Rock Kirkham's message went over 500 per cent more effectively than ordinarily would have been the case because of a simple device, old but ever effective. He displayed a series of charts, which were used to deliver the message; one chart after the other in turn was read and explained, from an easel which held them before the audience. The first chart read:

Every Scout is on the Job
Every Scout is on the job!
From morning until night,
Doing his good turn you know

To make the world go right.
Don't you worry ever
About a scout's behavior
For every scout is on the job
From morn until late at night.

The second chart bore this message:
Every LDS Boy to be a Scout How?

1. Know who is and is not a Scout.
2. Have a registered troop in every Ward.
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Deseret Club Opens at University of Calif.

With the establishment of an L. D. S. Institute in Berkeley as its primary goal, the Deseret Club has been recently organized at the

University of California, and has undertaken a broad program of social, cultural and spiritual activities.

Drawing its membership from the two hundred Mormon students on the campus and their friends, the Club holds weekly noon-hour discussions of Gospel themes, under the direction of Isaac B. Ball, the group's advisor. The Wesley Foundation, Bancroft Way near Dana, has graciously provided a room, where from forty to sixty students meet each Wednesday to eat and consider questions of current religious significance.

A dance and chili-supper at Berkeley Ward on March 29 was the Club's first social activity. Future plans include a campfire party, and a dinner-dance near the end of the Spring semester.

Prior to the war, the Deseret Club's activities were centered at Berkeley Ward, and counted among participants were many of the very promising young people of the church, as Hugh Nibley, Wells Jakeman and Eldon Gardner.

Current members of the Deseret Club are pledged to diligent propaganda for an Institute such as those at Logan and Tucson, and the program which it will make practicable.

Impetus to the revival of the Club came from within the student group, with Ben E. Sampson, Stanley Stewart, and Owen Marsh the chief spokesmen. Officers elected in February to serve during the Spring term are: Richard Poll, president; David Cummings, men's vice-president; Betty Thompson Morris, women's vice-president; Lola Nielsen, secretary-treasurer.

Persons interested in further information about the Deseret Club are invited to call Lola at Ashbury 8588, or talk to any of those named above.

Maxwell Park Ward News

The Music Guild is hard at work rehearsing under the direction of Beatrice Larsen, for a concert to be given in May for the benefit of the ward building fund. For the same worthy end, Barbara Martin is rehearsing a play entitled, "Only Me," with Jack Cragan as "Billie" and Jean Krage as "Sheila."

Tuesday, April 30, the M-Men and Gleaner Girls feature a special program and dance for the M. I. A., to the theme "Maytime Merriment."

Don Allphin and Sister Perry J. Earl were able to attend the General Conference in Salt Lake City.

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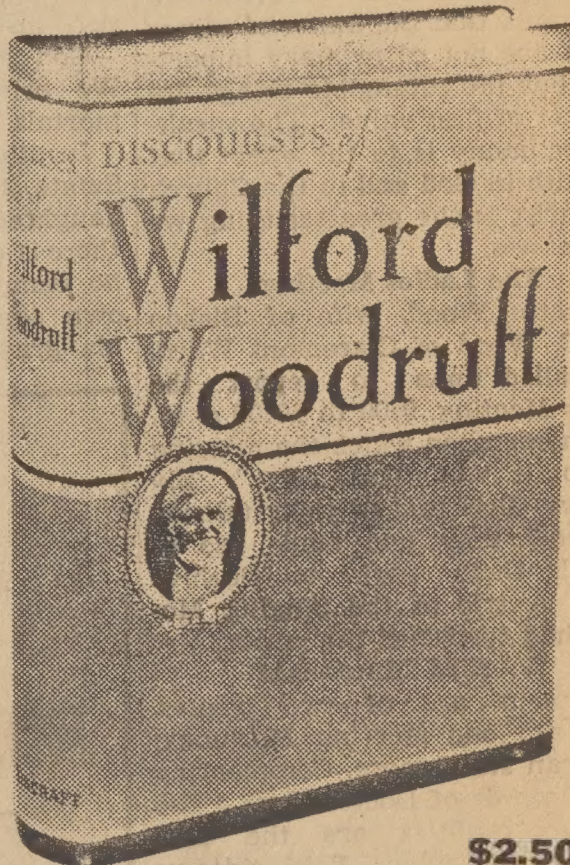
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Apostle Merrill Lauds Our Service Youth and Great Welfare Program

At the afternoon session of the Oakland Stake Quarterly Conference Joseph F. Merrill declared that the greatest missionary work that had ever been done for the church has been accomplished in the past four years by our young people while in the service of their country.

He also asserted that the large relief we are now equipped to ship to Europe will have a greater missionary effect than will all the missionaries that we will be able to send there in the next ten years.

Sterling H. Nelson

Elder Nelson, the first speaker, observed that in building a Stake Tabernacle in Oakland Stake the people will have a wonderful time. The speaker said that he wished to make a donation to our Stake Tabernacle so that he might have a share in the blessings.

Too Many on Relief Rolls

Children should not let their parents depend upon Public Relief. It is improper for the parents to feel that their children should not provide for their parent's wants in times of stress. The solidarity of the family is the core of our strength as a people.

Singing Mothers

The Singing Mothers sang The Beatitudes, a composition by our own Nelle Macdonald, wife of our former president, W. Aird Macdonald, an inspired harmony of words and music. Hazel Ball was soloist.

New High Counsellor

William H. Evans of Dimond Ward, a seasoned worker in the church, was sustained as an alternate High Counsellor.

Dr. Hart Speaks

Doctor Hart, a returned service man, said that before the war he had shared the feeling at times that the church demanded a great deal of its members, a large amount of time, and also ten per cent of their earnings. But after three years of the war he has learned that when Uncle Sam came along, he took so much that the church, by comparison, had asked but little. Uncle Sam demanded all one's time, and even the exposure of life to a deadly enemy. It was then that he had taken comfort in our religion. Our business, or social status, may fail as they so often do. Then our religion is the only thing left for us to seek to for assurances. The service men soon found that the material things of life are not of primary importance, but the intangible things are the ones of first value. The speaker's testimony is to the effect that our faith in God and in the Church of Christ is the greatest thing we can possess.

The Ladies Meeting

Annette Wood, wife of Bishop Don C. Wood of Claremont Ward, was called upon to report the Ladies Meeting, 9:00 to 10:00 a. m. The theme upon which the meeting was built was "Discovery." Six Beehive Girls told of their talents, and how they had made use of them in their work as Beehive Girls. A trio of the Singing Mothers had furnished the music.

W. Aird Macdonald

Mormons are of two classes. Some are one meeting Mormons; some can stand more. Commenting on the words of Doctor Hart, "The invisible realities are the only things that survive." Faith tides us over as it did John on the isle of Patmos, a lonesome prisoner. Elder Macdonald told of a service man baptised two months ago. He had been left on an island 37 days, and had become bitter; then lay in a hospital five months where he prayed incessantly, and then came to a faith in the Gospel.

A boy in this very audience came from South Carolina, and while in the service met a good Latter-day Saint buddy, and through him received the Gospel.

President Hilton

President Eugene Hilton began

by referring to an article in the March, 1946 Era by Dr. Harvey Fletcher, Director of Physical Research, Bell Telephone Laboratories, in which Brother Fletcher reveals the total eradication of life on the earth that could come from the explosion of a thousand of these bombs with their radioactive poisoning of the atmosphere.

President Hilton commented on the enormous task before us to bring about the redemption of man, for man seems to be, as the Prophets have all declared, essentially selfish and devilish, in spite of appearances. We can do much through our proper living the Gospel to influence for good those about us. He instanced the case of Dr. Emery Ranker who joined the church largely from an interest that arose from his observing the lives of our young people. In the first World War and later in the logging camps of Oregon he observed a light shining through the lives of our boys and he was led to seek that light, and came into the church.

Apostle Merrill

President J. Reuben Clark makes the assertion that the help which the church is now able to send to Europe from our store houses in the Stakes of the church constitutes an entire justification of the entire Welfare Program of the last ten years. We should not forget the faithfulness of the German Saints. Before the war the tithing of the German Saints was the highest per capita of all the missions of the church except alone the Eastern States Mission and was also in excess of that paid in one-half of the Stakes of the church.

If we fail to pay an honest tithing, do we not show doubt of our Lord? Although we may feel and speak of having confidence in the Lord, what is the real test of our sincere trust? Is it not works? By their works shall they be judged.

Why Are Great Wars Permitted?
Some people deny God because of these wars. There was war in our pre-existent state. Attempts there would have used force to deprive us of free agency. Hitler was devil-incarnate. The devil also tries the Saints. Elder Merrill has seen five members of the Quorum of Twelve fall, three excommunicated, and two disfellowshipped.

God is not responsible for wars. We bring them on ourselves as mortals.

In this war some Latter-day Saints have lost their sons and daughters. Elder Merrill is sure there is comfort for all such. When he came to the moment that his own son was being lowered into his grave after losing his life in

Berkeley Ward News

Highlights to servicemen visiting Berkeley are the Saturday night dances every other week end, and Sunday dinners in the recreation hall after Sunday School. Anna Paton, with several others, has been making them feel entirely at home.

Gamma Rho Chi, the Girls' Research Club, is planning a trip to the Arizona Temple, June 22, to do baptisms for the dead. This is the second trip they have made for this purpose. Money is being raised by a food sale, dance and dinner. Bishop Denzel C. Allen is in Florida on a two-month's business trip. Bishop Allen is a chemist for California Packing Corporation.

The Primary children are helping their parents at home and earning a few nickels and dimes to put into the Tabernacle Fund. Everytime there is a contribution, another window or brick is added to their cardboard miniature.

Mary Russel gave an organ recital Sunday, March 24th, in the Berkeley Chapel for a few of her friends from the church and university. Mary is leaving to be married in the Salt Lake Temple. Her fiancé is Reese Dixon Burton of Star Valley, Wyoming, where they expect to make their home for the summer.

Mary has been Oakland Stake and Berkeley Ward organist for several years. She has always been a willing leader in musical activities and her services have been distinguished by high quality. We all appreciate and thank Mary. Good sailing.

Richard and Virginia Barrett Rodgers were married February 21 by Bishop Allen, after which they left for Salt Lake City with her sister and brother-in-law, Kenneth and Margaret Dietz, where both couples were married in the Temple. Virginia and Richard are settled in Springerville, Arizona; Margaret and Kenneth in Walcott, Iowa.

Gloria Soelberg recently returned from Utah where she announced her engagement to Lee Carter of Nephi. They were married in the Manti Temple April 17th, and will make their home in Nephi.

the service, there came to him a revelation from the Lord, and he received in his mind these words, "Your son is safe." Over there they are preaching in the spirit world.

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A special chorus of Pittsburg Ward members was invited to present some choral numbers at the Easter Sunrise Services at Camp Stoneman. Sister Mildred Gibbs conducted the group.

The M-Men and the Gleaners of Pittsburg Ward attended en mass a performance of the much talked of "Oklahoma," April 12, and had dinner in San Francisco.

The 6th Quorum of Elders, comprising Martinez and Pittsburg Wards, held a Supper at the Martinez Ward Chapel. Brother Ray Johnson was in charge of the program, games and dancing.

A farewell party, honoring L. E. Woods and Ray Johnson, was held as a surprise at the Woods home on March 30th, with the Sunday School officers and teachers in attendance. Both these brethren will be sorely missed in Pittsburg.

Two Fireside Groups Organized
Two groups of young people

meet regularly in Pittsburg Ward as Fireside organizations. The M-Men and Gleaners meet every Sunday evening after Sacrament Services, and the Scouts and Beehive Girls meet every other Sunday evening. Vera Smith is the leader for the younger group, while at this time Gloria Magleby, Barbara Snow and Erma Eldredge head the activities of the M-Men and Gleaners.

The funds that come from the M-Men and Gleaner Group will go toward maintaining Ward Missionaries. The Scouts and Beehive Girls are planning to begin rehearsals on a Cantata. The future of Pittsburg Ward is insured with the abundance of enthusiastic young Latter-day Saints.

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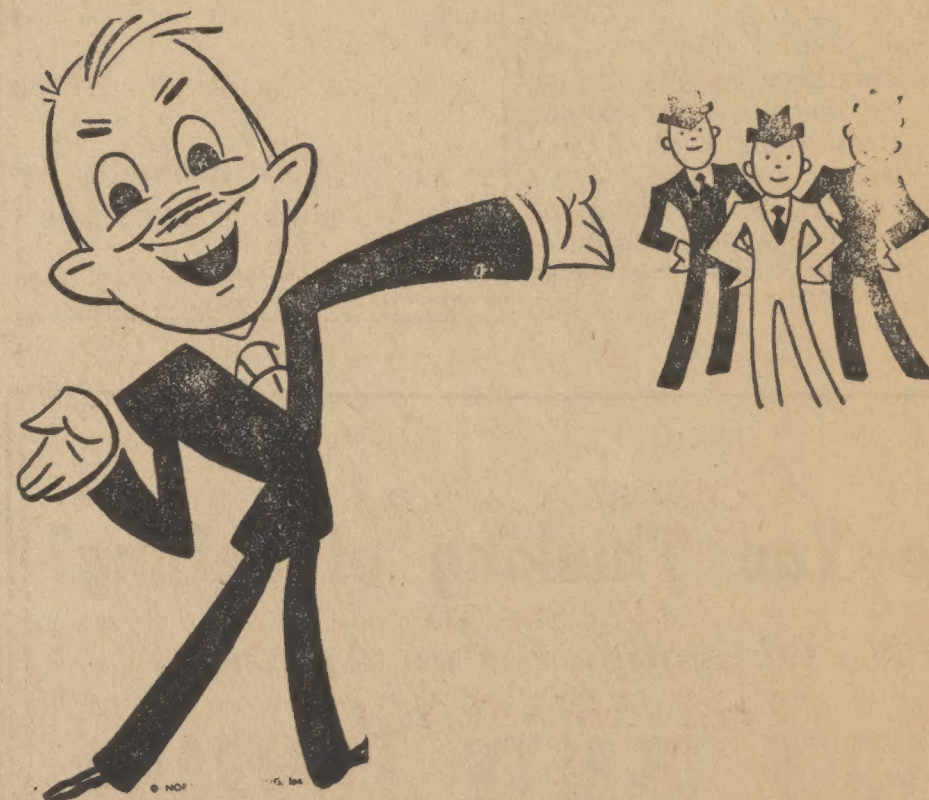
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Green & Gold Ball April 26

The annual Gold and Green Ball for Oakland Stake will be held at the Scottish Rite Temple April 26. Glenn Shaw and Margaret Fife, M. I. A. Stake leaders, say the Ball will be more lovely and elaborate than ever. True to tradition, each Ward will be represented by a Queen during the course of the evening and one of these lovely young ladies will be selected as "Queen" of the Ball and crowned in a brief, but beautiful ceremony.

This of course, is the social event of the Stake for the year.

Some of the old-timers remember when San Francisco and Oakland were combined in one Stake—San Francisco Stake. In those days the Gold and Green Ball was sometimes held in fashionable San Francisco hotels, as The Palace and the Fairmont. Through the years, the Gold and Green Ball has lost none of its lustre and excitement. The M. I. A. welcomes the membership of the Stake, and all their friends to the Ball. The price will be \$1.00 per person.

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Martinez Ward News

Besides being busy men, the Bishop and his counsellors are young and energetic. The Bishop is 34 years old, Brother Skidmore 32, and Brother Shaw 28. The Ward is a rapidly growing one and has few elderly people.

We held our Gold and Green Ball in April, using as our theme "Fairyl-land" with Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Snow White became our Queen and she was chosen with a lucky apple. The M. I. A. is also planning extensively for an active summer program. The Ward Welfare Building is at present pending approval by the PBO and the General Welfare Committee, with whom the Bishop met while in Salt Lake City at the April Conference, and with whom Brother Lloyd Johnson is continuing the meetings. Brother Johnson was also able to attend the Conference.

Bishop McIntire is very well liked by everyone. Besides his duties as Bishop of a Ward with growing pains, he is Principal of the Martinez Jr. High School, Chairman of the Martinez Youth and Scout Planning Committee, Secretary of the Principal's Association and in his spare time he is studying for his Ph. D.

William K. Skidmore is first Counsellor to the Bishop, and is busily employed by the Shell-Union Oil Company. He is also co-owner of the Martinez Maytag Co. and spends his spare time working there. Boys and Scouting are his hobbies.

Grant B. Shaw is second Counsellor to Bishop McIntire and is also very active. He is employed by the Shell Chemical Corporation

Oakland Stake

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church architect has estimated the cost of the furnished building, including Stake and Ward units, at three hundred and ten thousand dollars. While this cost appears high it represents only that which is actually needed and no part of this amount will go for other than the cost of the site and the building itself. In asking you to join with us in raising this vast sum we promise as your Stake officers to be as generous as we are asking you to be. Each of us expects to do our full share in this worthy endeavor.

The basis upon which the needed amounts are to be raised has had most careful study. When the method is understood, we believe that each group and each individual will be willing to have a lasting part in this worthy endeavor by giving liberally. Contributions should be made to your local committee or bishop or direct to the Stake presidency. Every cent contributed will go directly into the building itself.

Assessments Adjusted to Ability to Pay

In the formula for assessments proper weight has been given to such special factors, as ability to pay, to the question of whether the Ward has its own quarters, to Ward size, to number of producing families and to the distance from the center. In all cases the amount expected from each Ward now facing the need to collect for its own Ward house has been cut 50 per cent. Thus each Ward with a chapel will be assisting indirectly in true brotherly fashion each other Ward to secure its own home.

With the help and cooperation of each Ward Bishropric, a special committee has been appointed in each Ward with two members or representatives of the Stake Presidency or High Council as advisors.

of Martinez. He is also in business for himself and manufactures "Air-fresh," a room deodrant. Chemistry is his hobby, which has developed into a vocation. He has another hobby and that is gardening. Potted plants are his specialty.

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Marzette Bingham was married to Alfred Frejo in Mesa Temple, February 19th, and is making her home in Mesa, Arizona. Valate Abraham, originally from Kanosh, Utah, married Ray Shields in Mantle Temple, March 15th. They are living in Oakland. Lynden Merrill married Dawna Mae Jensen in the Idaho Falls Temple April 3rd. They will live in Oakland. Margaret Williams was married to Ervin E. Evans, April 7th, by Angus H. Norberg. Herbert Lewis Newtman was married to Ruth Adele Starr, March 14th, by Bishop J. Rulon Doxey. Lynn Zimp Krambule and Ellen Marion Johnson were married March 27th by Bishop J. Rulon Doxey. Frances Christopherson was married to P. M. Peterson in the Mesa Temple on February 18. For a honeymoon they are visiting all the Church Temples except Hawaii.

Ex-bishop John Shields is slowly recovering from an illness. Elizabeth Berfman received a hip injury when she accidentally fell while attending Relief Society. She is improving. O Lenna Banks was operated on for a serious thyroid condition at the Peralta Hospital, April 16th. Dr. Emery Ranker performed the operation.

A delightful farewell party was held at the Oakland Ward Chapel April 2, honoring Ralph Tate, wife and family prior to their departure for Salt Lake City.

Ralph Tate was employed as a representative of the biggest Wholesale Drug House in San Francisco, owned by Delbert W. Rock, and he will continue with the same line of business in Salt Lake City.

Mavis Humphries is giving a special program April 30, at the Relief Society meeting.

Don't forget the dances that are held alternately every Saturday evening at Oakland and Berkeley Ward. There is always a surplus of fellows, so come on, girls, here's your chance.

We are all looking forward to the summer months of M. I. A. Some very fine features have been planned.

The Oakland Ward Choir presented an Easter Cantata Sunday evening, April 21st. Sister Ethel Mauss directed this outstanding event.

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Dimond Ward News

Elmo Smith, our Bishop's Counsellor, whose mother passed away, went to Idaho with his wife and brother, Dee, to attend the funeral. He attended April Conference before returning to Dimond.

Gene Hilton is on vacation—working his way to Australia and back on the S. S. Monterey. Ken Everett is up and around again after a minor operation. Janeth Evans has gone to join the Dimond Ward group at the B. Y. U. Many of our Gleaner Girls are going to school there.

The wedding of Donna Marie Phelps and Lt. Dee Forest Bates took place in the Salt Lake Temple Wednesday, March 27.

The bride, daughter of Rufus O. and Winnifred L. Phelps, an accomplished musician, has served as Ward organist in the Dimond Ward as well as assistant stake organist. She is also a member of

Answers." No prizes are offered for religious questions.

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Lt. Bates, from Twin Falls, Idaho, is a pilot in the Marine Air Corps, now stationed at Miami, Florida where the young couple will make their home until further orders.

Monday, March 25th, a group of Relief Society ladies, headed by Homer Legg, went to our Stake welfare depot and finished packing over 5,000 articles of clothing to send to Europe.

Home from B. Y. U. in March were Winnifred Phelps, Ronnie Larsen and Maxine Donnelly.

Those announcing their engagements recently are: Max Clark and Ronnie Larsen, Keith Rainey and May Campfield, and Lewis Shurtleff to a "wonderful girl" in Wyoming.

Verl Bagley, just discharged from the Army, is visiting here with the Lynn Pearce family. With him is his newly-arrived English bride and 9-month-old baby.

Newlyweds are: Lois Russell to Alden Cook, Donna Phelps to Dee Forest Bates, and Betty Call to George Call.

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Richmond Ward News

A combination of Fireside Groups of both Richmond and East Richmond Wards enjoyed a fine evening of recreation in the form of a hay ride. There were a group of about 30 young people, who climbed into a large truck filled with straw and rode to Camp Caves of Tilden Park for hot dogs, marshmallows and all the accessories.

Bp. Timothy Morley, Jr., Brother Horn and Leonard Harris of the Bishopric attended Conference in Salt Lake.

Orvilla Stanger of our Ward, who has been attending school in Utah, was married to Maynard C. Bailey of Nephi, Utah on April 10, in Salt Lake Temple.

Our President of the Y. W. M. I. A. left March 31 for an extended visit to her former home in Iowa.

A farewell party was given in honor of Sister Margaret Hilliard on March 25 in the Richmond Ward Chapel. She left April 3 for the Mission Home in Salt Lake City.

The Scouts of Troop 113 invited the Sunday School and M. I. A. to our Ward to be guests at a party held at Camp Herm's, April 12 at 7:30 p. m.

The Gold and Green Ball on March 15 was a big success. Betty Stoddard was Queen, with Algie Gifford and Jewell Boylan as attendants. Judy Jaynes and Carolyn Callap were flower girls.

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